

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of charging for advertising on the Web, comprising:

producing an access history profile by filtering one or more transaction logs from one or more servers to select transactions associated with a session identifier;

determining link traversals from an advertising page advertisement to a product page by evaluating the access history profile;

determining accesses to the product page resulting from the link traversals to the product page; and

charging a merchant for advertising based on ~~said~~ the determined accesses to the product page, a particular link traversal to the product page, or on the number of sales resulting from a path comprising the determined link traversals from the advertising page to the product page;

~~wherein charging for advertising is based on number of sales resulting from a path including an advertising page.~~

2-12 (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising recording the link traversals in a the one or more transaction logs.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the one or more transaction logs is are stored on a server.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising monitoring the frequency and duration of access to the product page.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising recording the frequency and duration of access to the product page in a transaction log stored on a server.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising counting accesses to the product page exclusive of repeated requests from a common client.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the counting is performed by the server.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising:

counting the frequency of accesses to the product page;

measuring the time intervals between repeated accesses from a common client;

and

excluding the counting of those accesses that fall within a defined period of time.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the counting is performed by the server.

23-34 (Cancelled)

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

recording the frequency and duration of access to the product page by keeping a history of each client access to the page in a transaction log;

producing an access history from the transaction log;

wherein the access history is produced by filtering transaction logs from one or more servers to select only transactions involving a particular user ID;

providing marketing feedback based on the access history.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the marketing feedback is selected from the group consisting of: user demand, access pattern, and relationships between customer demographics and accessed pages and access patterns.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising evaluating the transaction log to identify the most popular links to the product page.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, further comprising inserting a new link to provide more direct access to the page.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the new link is inserted in a location based upon information contained in the transaction log.

40-63 (Cancelled)

64. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented system for charging for advertising on the Web, comprising:

means for producing an access history profile by filtering one or more transaction logs from one or more servers to select transactions associated with a session identifier;

means for determining link traversals from an advertising page advertisement to a product page by evaluating the access history profile;

means for determining accesses to the product page resulting from the link traversals to the product page; and

means for charging a merchant for advertising based on said the determined accesses to the product page, a particular link traversal to the product page, or on the number of sales resulting from a path comprising the determined link traversals from the advertising page to the product page;

~~wherein charging for advertising is based on number of accesses to the product page.~~

65. (Cancelled)

66. (New) A computer-implemented method of charging for advertising on the Web, comprising:

determining link traversals from an advertising page to a product page by
evaluating one or more transaction logs including session identifier information exchanged
between a client and one or more servers;

determining accesses to the product page resulting from the link traversals to the
product page; and

charging a merchant for advertising based on the determined accesses to the
product page, a particular link traversal to the product page, or on the number of sales resulting
from a path comprising the determined link traversals from the advertising page to the product
page.

67. (New) The method of claim 66, further comprising recording the link traversals in the one or
more transaction logs.

68. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein the one or more transaction logs are stored on a
server.

69. (New) The method of claim 66, further comprising monitoring the frequency and duration of
access to the product page.

70. (New) The method of claim 69, further comprising recording the frequency and duration of access to the product page in a transaction log stored on a server.

71. (New) The method of claim 69, further comprising counting accesses to the product page exclusive of repeated requests from a common client.

72. (New) The method of claim 71, wherein the counting is performed by the server.

73. (New) The method of claim 70, further comprising:

counting the frequency of accesses to the product page;

measuring the time intervals between repeated accesses from a common client;

and

excluding the counting of those accesses that fall within a defined period of time.

74. (New) The method of claim 74, wherein the counting is performed by the server.

75. (New) The method of claim 66, further comprising:

recording the frequency and duration of access to the product page by keeping a history of each client access to the page in a transaction log;

producing an access history from the transaction log;

wherein the access history is produced by filtering transaction logs from one or more servers to select only transactions involving a particular user ID;

providing marketing feedback based on the access history.

76. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein the marketing feedback is selected from the group consisting of: user demand, access pattern, and relationships between customer demographics and accessed pages and access patterns.

77. (New) The method of claim 75, further comprising evaluating the transaction log to identify the most popular links to the product page.

78. (New) The method of claim 75, further comprising inserting a new link to provide more direct access to the page.

79. (New) The method of claim 78, wherein the new link is inserted in a location based upon information contained in the transaction log.